

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 9 APRIL 2022**

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1108 on 9 April 2022 at American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA and welcomed all members and guests.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jim Beavers, Steve Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Mickey Garverick, Bob Glover, Brian Haller, Chuck Martin, Lou Maruzo, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Mark Riethmeier, Mike Varone, and Woody Woodworth. (15 Base attendees). Additional attendees were: Art Glover from the Capitol Base and his church singing group “Encore” from Maryland. They attended the meeting, and the Tolling of the Boats ceremony, and they sang the Star-Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, and three verses of the Navy Hymn. Encore singers and supporters include: Jennifer Boice, Carole Glover, Ivey Wallace, Katherine Lillie, Ralph Lillie, Bill Bates, and Margo Maier. (23 total attendees)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Mike Varone, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain, Mickey Garverick, delivered the Invocation.

The list of boats lost in April and a historical moment were not read because of the nature of today's Tolling of the Boats ceremony honoring all lost boats.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEMBER(S) WHO DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL IN MARCH:**

- **Margaret Williams**, wife of Ron Williams and an Associate Member. Departed on her Eternal Patrol on April 25th, 2013
- **Arthur C. Esposito**, Qualified onboard the USS Dogfish (SS-350), 1964. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on April 21st, 2005

**THE BELL WAS TOLLED TWICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 34 USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA MEMBERS ON ETERNAL PATROL.”**

**IN MEMORIAM:** The VCDR, Brian Haller, read the following: ADM Thomas Bibb Hayward, USN, Ret. - 3/3/2022; CDR Joseph F. Neary, USN Ret. - 3/8/2022; CDR R. Brian Van Metre, USN, Ret. - 3/19/2022; EMCM(SS) George E. Nault, USN, Ret. - 3/20/2022

**“SAILORS, REST YOUR OAR.”**

The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to the membership. There was no discussion, so the minutes are approved as promulgated.

The Treasurer provided the following report.

NOVA Base Treasurer's Report for April 9, 2022	
• Beginning Cash on Hand:	<u>\$10,726.61</u>
• Plus Receipts:	
NFCU Dividends (March)	\$0.09
- Base Dues	\$15.00
- National Dues	\$0.00
- Donation to Base (50/50 Raffle)	\$65.00
- Donation for USSVCF Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
• Minus Expenditures:	
- Dues to National	\$0.00
- Payment to USSVCF Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
- Payment to Base VCDR (HC Certificate holders)	\$124.02
- Payment to Windjammer.com (HC prints)	\$150.00
• Ending Cash on Hand:	<u>\$10,532.68</u>
Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds	<u>\$1,379.40</u>
• Total Local Discretionary Funds	<u>\$9,153.28</u>
• USSVCF NOVA Base K4K Balance	\$3,054.10
• Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVCF)	<u>\$4,433.50</u>

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**The Base CDR** noted that the main topics of discussion at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Board via Zoom were: committee reports, Holland Club, meeting-related items, old business, new business, and meeting/event planning.

**VCDR** – Nothing to report

**COB** –Nothing to report

**PAO** – COB remarked:

- CDR represented USSVI NOVA Base at the USSVI Tri-State 30th Anniversary celebration on April 2nd.
- COB, VCDR, and CDR represented USSVI and NSL at Sea-Air-Space Expo on April 4 and 5; COB, Tim Oliver, and CDR were interviewed and videoed by All Hands staff for print and online.

**Membership** –Howard Chatham provided the following: –

Membership information

- 78 Members
  - 46 Holland Club Members
    - 02 WW II Members
  - 25 Regular Members
    - 16 – Life Members
    - 09 – Annual Members
  - 07 Associate Members

**Chaplain** – Mickey Garverick remarked: –

- COB and CDR performed Eternal Patrol duty for CAPT Richard N. Nelson on March 25. He qualified on USS Odax (SS-484).
- Chaplain performed Eternal Patrol duty for ADM William Dee Smith, USN (Ret.) on April 6, 2022. He qualified on USS Hardhead (SS-365).
- Our condolences to Les Altschuler and family on the passing on April 6, 2022, of Joyce Altschuler, wife of Les. Internment with a Graveside service will take place on Sunday, April 10 (11:00 AM) at Beth Israel Cemetery (1098 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ). The Base has sent a sympathy card to the family.

**K4K** – Steve Bishop remarked:

- K4K visits have been suspended until further notice.

**Scouting Coordinator** – CDR remarked: Nothing to Report

**Storekeeper** - SK remarked:

- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, Holland Club pins and decals, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.
- Three 2022 USSVI Calendars are now available from the Base SK. The price is \$10 per calendar plus postage if mailed.
- Contact Mike Varone, at [storekeeper@ussvinova.org](mailto:storekeeper@ussvinova.org) if interested in any items.

**Webmaster** – Howard Chatham noted:

- The Ship's Store link on our Base website has been updated to list several websites selling submarine related items. Note that the Base SK frequently can get you slightly better prices on those websites than if you ordered from them yourself.

**NE Regional/NE District 4 News** - EN4 District CDR remarked:

- **National News**
  - 2022 Mid Term Board of Directors meeting was held on March 19, 2022.
    - USSVI had to hire a new website developer because of the previous developer's failure (he was fired) to export the old database data into the new database.
    - The U.S. Navy has challenged the use of the USSVI logo with the U.S. Patent Office. The issue is being handled by USSVI legal team.
  - USSVI National Awards nomination period, with exception of the Newsletter award, closes on April 30.
- **Region News**
  - USSVI Tri-State Base - Celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Base Anniversary on April 2 in Frederick, MD. Their Tolling of the Boats ceremony is today (April 9) in Gettysburg, PA.
  - USSVI Keystone Base – Invites you to the dedication of the U.S. Submarine Service Memorial on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 11 am at Indiantown National Cemetery.
- **District News**
  - Capitol Base

- Performed Eternal Patrol duty for CAPT Richard Nelson on March 25 with their Base Chaplain, Art Glover, reading the Submariner's Prayer at the graveside service.
- Invites you to join them at their Tolling of the Boats ceremony at the USS F-4 gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, May 21 from 11 AM to 1 PM.
- Staffed the NSL booth at the Sea-Air-Space Expo on April 6.
- Northern Virginia Base
  - Invites you to attend their Holland Club luncheon on Saturday, May 21 to celebrate the induction of five new Holland Club members.

**NSL – Tim Oliver on Zoom and CDR remarked:**

- NSL Headquarters address is 405 North Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone number is 703-256-0891
- NSL celebrates its Ruby Anniversary (40 years) in 2022.
- Naval Submarine League (NSL) and Related Events
  - NSL Capitol Chapter
    - The NSL Capitol Chapter spring meeting will be held on May 13, 2022, at the ANCC, with VADM William Galinis, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command as the Speaker
  - “Evolution of the Submarine” wall hanging picture is available for \$40.00 on the NSL website.
  - NSL Brick Campaign is ongoing. To buy a brick, go to the NSL website select the “SUPPORT US” from the ribbon then from the dropdown menu select “NSL SHOPPING” and place your order, or click on this link [https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague\\_1/default/index.php](https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague_1/default/index.php)
  - Navy League's Sea – Air – Space Expo was held April 4-6, 2022. NSL thanks the USSVI volunteers that helped staff the booth!
  - 2022 Submarine Technology Symposium:
    - Scheduled for 17-19 May 2022.
    - Location: Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723).
    - STS is a classified (SECRET/NOFORN) three-day conference.
  - 2022 Annual Symposium & Industry Update
    - 1-2 November 2022
    - Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA
  - Visit the NSL website calendar to see the various Submarine Balls scheduled.

**ISA/USA – the CDR remarked:**

- International Submariners Congress is May 22-26, 2022, at Karlskrona, Sweden
- 2022 ISA/USA Officers Election voting to commence on 01 May 2022 via electronic voting and end on 10 Jun 2022. The installation of the new Officers will take place at the USSVI National Convention at Buffalo, NY August 24 – 27, 2022.
- To join the International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA Inc) visit their website at <http://www.isausa.org/> for application. Lifetime Membership is \$50.00

**American Legion Post 364 – CDR remarked:**

- Saturday, April 9 – Kid’s Easter Party
- Tuesday, April 19 – Legion Membership Meeting at 1930
- Tuesday, May 17 – Legion Membership Meeting and Election of officers at 1930
- Monday, May 30 – Post picnic

**Upcoming Submarine Reunions – the VCDR read the following:**

- USS Caiman (SS-323) – April 18-23, 2022; Albuquerque, NM
- USS Jallao (SS-368) – April 21-24, 2022; Philadelphia, PA
- USS Drum (SSN-677) – April 28-May 1, 2022; Mobile, AL
- USS Wahoo (SS-565) – April 27-May 1, 2022; Pensacola, FL
- USS Sea Devil (SSN-664) –May 4-7, 2022; Williamsburg, VA
- USS Swordfish (SSN-579) –May 11-15, 2022; San Antonio, TX

**Call or Email the POC listed in the American Submariner to determine the status of the reunion**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The 2022 Holland Club luncheon date has been changed to Saturday, May 21, 2022. This is the third Saturday of May. Please change your calendars as needed.
- The NOVA Veterans Association and Dulles Area Transportation Association provide free transportation to medical appointments and COVID-19 vaccine appointments to Veterans who are disabled or over the age of 65.
  - Coverage areas are Alexandria, Arlington, Eastern Loudoun, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William.
  - Contact by phone at 703-659-0788 or by email at melissa@novavets.org
- For the latest COVID-19 information in the Northern Virginia area visit one of the below websites:
  - State of Virginia – <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov>
  - Dept of Veterans Affairs – <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine>
  - Arlington County - <https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/>
  - City of Alexandria - <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus>
  - Fairfax County - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/>
  - Prince William County - <https://coronavirus.pwcgov.org/>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation is holding a USS Scorpion (SSN 589) Scholarship Endowment Drive
  - A lead donation of \$17,500 was made to establish the USS Scorpion (SSN 589) Scholarship – a named Dolphin Scholarship open to qualified children and spouses of the members or former members of the Submarine Force or those who have served in submarine support activities.

- The donor has pledged to match donations up to \$35,000 to help fully endow the scholarship at \$87,500. The goal is to fund the scholarship while marking the 55th anniversary of the tragedy on May 22, 2023.
- Although no donation is too small or too large, in honor of those who served on Scorpion, the following donation levels listed below have been established:
  - Remember the year: \$19.68
  - Mark the passage of time: \$55.00
  - Honor the souls lost onboard: \$99.00
  - Tribute to USS Scorpion (SSN 589): \$589.00
- Donations may be mailed to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation office at 4966 Euclid Rd Suite 109, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.
- As of April 4, 2022, Medicare covers up to 8 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests each calendar month, at no cost to you.
  - This coverage continues until the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ends.
  - Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) will cover these tests if you have Part B. If you are in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you won't get this benefit through your plan, but will get it like you would if you weren't enrolled in the plan. You might need to show your red, white, and blue Medicare card to get your free over-the-counter COVID-19 tests (even if you have another card for a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Part D plan).
  - Each person with Medicare Part B can get up to 8 free over-the-counter tests for April any time before April 30 and can then get another set of 8 free over-the-counter tests for each calendar month that follows until the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
  - The following is a partial list of pharmacies participating in the Medicare COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests initiative.
    - Albertsons Companies, Inc. (including Osco, Jewel-Osco, Albertsons, Albertsons Market, Safeway, Tom Thumb, Star Market, Shaw's, Haggen, Acme, Randalls, Carrs, Market Street, United, Vons, Pavilions, Amigos, Lucky's, Pak n Save, Sav-On)
    - Costco Pharmacy
    - CVS
    - Food Lion
    - The Giant Company
    - Giant Food
    - Hannaford Pharmacies
    - H-E-B Pharmacy
    - Hy-Vee Pharmacy
    - Kroger Family of Pharmacies
    - Rite Aid Corp.
    - Stop & Shop
    - Walgreens
    - Walmart
- **Virginia SB 212 (Kiggans) Bill on Special License plates:**  
 United States Navy and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund. This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates, with a design that incorporates the

emblem of the United States Navy, to active members and certain veterans of the United States Navy. The bill provides that un-remarried surviving spouses of such service members may also be issued such special license plates. The bill creates the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund to utilize funds from the license plate fees to support the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in Virginia.

## **THE BINNACLE LIST:**

### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Alvin Anceravage, Cathy Chatham, Ginger Haskell, Steve Jaeger, Francis McNamara, Robert R. Miller, Tom Perrault, and Tony Poblete.

**For the Good of the Order**, Birthdays for April are: Jim Beavers, Robert Frick, Rufino Guntang, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Patrick Peterson, and Willie Petruy

**The 50/50 raffle** was won by Chuck Martin who donated his winnings back to the base.

## **TOLLING OF THE BOATS:**

The "Tolling the Boats" ceremony was originally established by the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. It is a unique and time-honored memorial service and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Navy. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal, and it honors the memory of those submariners who lost their lives in the line of duty, and especially those who perished during World War II. In the heart of the ceremony the names of each of the U.S. submarines lost, along with the fate of its crew, are read aloud as a bell is tolled for each in turn.

The solemn Tolling of the Boats ceremony was conducted using the Base presentation with candles being extinguished at tables by the attendees after each boat's name was read. The COB rang the ship's bell for each boat, as the Secretary read the script. The ship's bell was then rung for the 34 NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

After the ceremony, a champagne/cider toast to the past, present, and future U.S. Submarine Service was offered by the Base CDR.

Thank you to Brian Haller for videotaping the meeting for Zoom and thank you to Howard and Cathy Chatham for the champagne and cider for the toast.

The Treasurer presented Jennifer Boice, conductor of the Encore singers, with a donation in appreciation of their participation in the Tolling of the Boats ceremony.

The next meeting will be at 1100 on May 21, 2022, for the 2022 Holland Club Induction and Luncheon Ceremony at Amphora Diner Deluxe (1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170). Dress is Service Dress Blue, Equivalent Civilian Business Attire, or USSVI vest and tie. The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR adjourned the meeting at 1235.

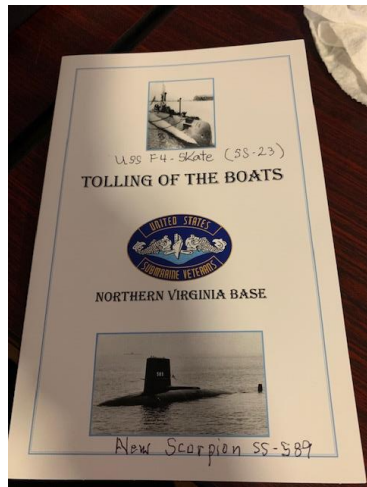
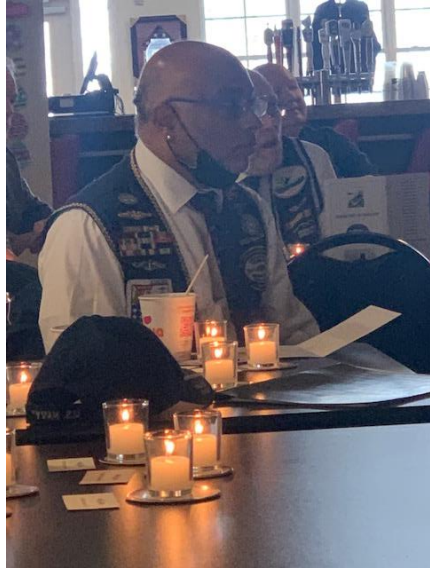
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Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Stephen C Bishop  
Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base



**Tolling of the Boats Ceremony Photos**





# USS F-4 and USS Thresher Memorial Tribute 25 March 2022



## United States Submariner Memorial Dedication Invitation



### Keystone Base United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Invites you to attend the dedication of the completed  
**United States Submarine Service Memorial**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022  
11 a.m.**

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery  
Indiantown Gap Road (Rt. 934)  
Annville, PA, 17003-9618  
Memorial Pathway  
Section 24D



Reception to follow at 1 pm at  
the Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club

RSVP: Earl Gee at [earlgee1@comcast.net](mailto:earlgee1@comcast.net) (preferred)  
or 717 580-4514.